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1. Naval Headquarters of the Communist East China Military
District renamed a number of ships under its command as follows:

New Name	Old Name	Remarks
CH'ANG CHOU (常州)	Unknown	Type FS (small refrigeration ship)
CH'ANG SHA (長沙)	CHIEH (接) No. 12	Under repair
CHI NAN (濟南)	WEI HAI (威海)	Under repair
CHING KANG SHAN (井岡山)	No. 538	
CHIN HSIANG HUA (金香花)	Unknown	Type FS
HSI AN (西安)	CHIEH No. 14	
HUAI HO (淮河)	WAN FU (萬福)	
HUANG HO (黃河)	MEI SHENG (美盛)	
KUANG CHOU (廣州)	YUAN P'EI (元培) ¹	
KU T'IEH (古田)	LIEN KUANG (聯光) ²	
NAN CH'ANG (南昌)	CH'ANG CHIH (長治)	
NEN CHIANG (嫩江)	YING TE (英德) ²	
SHEN YANG (瀋陽)	HUANG AN (黃安) ³	
TING HSIANG HUA (丁香花)	Unknown ⁴	Type FS
TEU LO LAN (紫羅蘭)	Unknown ⁴	Type FS

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New Name	Old Name	Remarks
HAN SHOU HUA (萬壽花)	Unknown ⁴	Type FS
WU CH'ANG (武昌)	CHIEH (接) No. 5	
YEN AN (延安)	YUNG CHI (永續)	
YUN HO (運河)	HAN CHUNG (萬忠)	

2. [] the Naval Headquarters of the East China Military District established a Choushan fleet under the command of HSU Hsiao-yu (徐小玉). 50X1-HUM
3. [] a group of nine ships were patrolling and guarding fishing areas in the Wanshan Islands. Seven were armored vessels of the Chieh Fang (捷風) class. 1 [] 5
4. [] the Chinese Communist Navy established a Kwangtung Sea Defense Fleet (Kwantung Hai Fang Chien Tui) (廣東海防艦隊) with headquarters in the Wanshan Islands. The fleet is composed of the following vessels: two gunboats, WU FENG (舞鳳) and CHIEH FENG (捷風); eleven former vessels of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company (CMSNC), Tugboat [] and ten other tugboats; and nine former cruisers of the Kowloon Customs office, the HAI T'AI (海泰), HAI JUNG (海榮), [] HAI CHING (海鯨), HAI CHOU (海周), HAI CHU (海述), HAI NING (海寧), and HAI KUANG (海光). 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
5. [] Soviet technicians had completed repairing and arming twelve other vessels taken over from the Kowloon Customs Office. These are now awaiting transfer to various naval units.
6. [] the USSR gave 41 warships to the Chinese Communists, including five 800-ton ships, one 730-ton ship, 50X1-HUM 700-ton ships, 17 600-ton ships, four 300-ton ships and 8 200-ton ships.
7. []
8. [] sixty technicians were sent from Canton to Yulin, Hainan, to establish a submarine base⁹ under the command of a Soviet named K'a-lo-fu-szu-chi (卡洛夫斯基) (?Karovski). Prior to this time a Soviet, Ko-po-ma-fu (郭柏馬夫) (?Gobomov), and other Soviets had made a number of surveys of Yulin. [] Ger- 50X1-HUM man technicians were sent to Yulin to make preparations for establishing a yard to manufacture submarines.¹⁰
9. [] Communists were 50X1-HUM making a strong effort to recruit and train naval and marine personnel. Three thousand students of the University of Military and Political Science in Nan-king were assigned to the navy to be trained in Shanghai. Another 2,000 students were ordered to join the marines. Sixty-four hundred troops of the Communist 11 Army were ordered to leave Wansien (108-24, 30-49) and transfer to the navy in Tsingtao.¹¹

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10. [redacted] the Naval Headquarters of the East China Military District assigned YANG Ts'ang-huo (楊滄活), CHIANG Wei-hong (江偉衡), CH'U Yen-ch'i (瞿延祁), and SUNG Ping (宋平) [redacted] to recruit [redacted] naval personnel for the Communist navy. Because of unsatisfactory results, they were replaced by CHANG Ch'i-liang (張企良), a graduate of the fifth class of Tsingtao Naval Academy. YANG was given a new assignment as commander of a navigation unit, Hang Hai Ta Tui (航海大隊).¹² CHIANG became an instructor in the Nanking Naval academy, and CH'U and SUNG were receiving additional training (type not stated).

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1 [redacted] Comment. The HUAN P'EI was a former ship of the CMSNC.

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2 [redacted] Comment. The LIEN KUANG and YING TE were in Nanking [redacted]

3 [redacted] Comment. The HUANG AN was in Tsingtao [redacted]

4 [redacted] Comment. The WING HSIANG HUA, TZU LO LAN, and WAN SHOU HUA were described as type LSM.

5 [redacted] Comment. Fifteen vessels were [redacted] listed as assigned to this patrol group. [redacted]

7 [redacted] Comment. [redacted] Chinese Communists were planning to move tugboat [redacted] to Canton [redacted]

8 [redacted] Comment. Shipyards in Shanghai were [redacted] building tugboats for the Communists. [redacted]

9 [redacted] Comment. The submarine base at Yulin was completed [redacted]

10 [redacted] Comment. This seems unlikely. Possibly they are planning to establish a submarine repair station.

11 [redacted] Comment. [redacted] 2,750 fishermen were [redacted] receiving naval training in Tsingtao. [redacted] Fifteen thousand men were receiving naval training in Nanking. [redacted]

12 [redacted] Comment. Since the translation is simply "navigation unit," this is probably only a general term for this unit.

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